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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

September 25, 2026

Settings Reviews: This week's Memo Monday contained information on upcoming HCBS settings reviews to be conducted by the Ohio Department of Medicaid beginning in October on a select number of providers. According to the memo; "The reviews will check that providers are meeting state and federal rules for HCBS Settings, including the federal HCBS Final Rule and Ohio Administrative Code 5123-9-02. The goal is to understand how providers are following and applying ODM and DODD requirements." If you are contacted by ODM for a review, it is important that you respond. You can also contact the OPRA team if you have any questions or need support preparing for the review. [The HCBS checklist for providers can be found here.](#) More information can also be found in the Memo Monday linked on the next page. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) or [Scott](#) with any questions.

EVV: The Ohio Department of Medicaid is hosting the next meeting of the EVV stakeholder group on Monday from 2:30 to 4pm. We anticipate the meeting will include important program updates related to changes from Governor DeWine's Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse Executive Order issued last spring and statutory changes from HB 795/SB 315 passed by the General Assembly last June. [You can register for the meeting here.](#)

Committee: We will be hosting a meeting of the Day Array Committee next Thursday, October 1st. We will be hosting guests from DODD and following up on updates from last meeting. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any agenda items or discussion topics you'd like to be included.

Mediciad: This week saw further activity and announcements regarding fraud, waste and abuse in Mediciad. The Ohio Auditor's office [released this preliminary audit](#) of the Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) population and found that 3% of the 150k beneficiaries reviewed were either over the asset limit or deceased. Ohio's Medicaid Committee Chair, Rep Jennifr Gross [released this statement in response to the audit findings](#). Additionally, Vice President Vance and CMS administrators announced they would be [disenrolling potentially 750k people incorrectly enrolled](#) through the ACA marketplace. If anyone you support or employ is impacted by either of these reviews, please reach out to the OPRA team.

Retirement Plan Session: Join our partners at Oppenheimer and Transamerica for an exclusive, small-group session focused on OPRA's Pooled Employer Plan (PEP). Participants will learn more about how the program works, the benefits it offers, and what it can mean for their organization and employees. With space limited to just 12 registrants, this session provides a unique opportunity for an interactive conversation and direct Q&A with the Oppenheimer and Transamerica team. Bring your questions and learn how the PEP may fit into your organization's retirement planning strategy. Date: Thursday, October 22, Time: 1:30–2:30 p.m. Location: Board Room, Hilton Columbus/Polaris. [Sign up for a spot here!](#)



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: Click here to read this week's [Memo Monday](#), which includes info on the settings reviews mentioned above, Waiver Modernization Town Halls, and a Mandatory Training for All Service and Support Administrators, Managers.



Registration is officially open for this year's Annual Conference. The OPRA Annual Conference brings together providers, professionals, partners, and leaders from across Ohio's developmental disabilities community for education, connection, and collaboration. Whether you are attending for professional development, networking, continuing education, or to explore new ideas and solutions, the OPRA Annual Conference offers valuable opportunities to learn, engage, and strengthen your connection to Ohio's provider community. This year's conference features keynote speaker [Magie Cook](#), as well as a performance from the OPRA All-Star Band! [Click here to learn more and register!](#)

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- Be registered to attend the OPRA Annual Conference

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Upcoming Events

9/30: UST Affinity Workforce Solutions for Nonprofits

10/1: OPRA Day Array Committee

Click [here](#) for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

News & Resources

"Gross Releases Statement Regarding Medicaid ABD Audit"

"Review finds millionaires on Ohio's Medicaid rolls"

"Ohio implements 'Joshua Alert'"

"Trump administration to remove 760,000 Affordable Care Act enrollees over fraud claims"





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